

REMARKS

Claims 32, 33, 36 and 39-53 were pending as of the Office Action mailed on July 9, 2007. These claims have been cancelled herewith. New claims 54-65 have been added. The new claims contain the limitations of previously canceled claims 17-22, 27-31 and 38, which were deemed allowable in the Office Action of February 21, 2007.

Reconsideration of the action are requested in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Amendments

Claims 54-65 have been added. These claims contain limitations from canceled claims 17-22, 27-31 and 38, as well as limitations of the corresponding independent claims and all intervening claims. These claims were deemed allowable in the Office Action of February 21, 2007.

For purposes of clarity, claim 54 contains the limitations of previously filed claims 1, 10, 16, and 17. Claims 55-59 correspond to previously allowable claims 18-22, respectively. Claim 60 corresponds to previously allowable claim 38. Claim 61 corresponds to previously allowable claims 26 and 27. Claims 62-65 correspond to previously allowable claims 28-31.

Although claims 17-22, 27-31 and 38 were cancelled in the Amendment in Reply to Office Action submitted May 21, 2007, the Applicant would like to re-submit these claims for consideration. Since the Examiner has previously stated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, the Applicant submit that claims 54-65 are in condition of allowance.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, the Applicant submits that all the claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request the Examiner to pass this application into allowance at an early date.

By responding in the foregoing remarks only to particular positions taken by the examiner, the applicant does not acquiesce with other positions that have not been explicitly addressed. In addition, the applicant's arguments for the patentability of a claim should not be understood as implying that no other reasons for the patentability of that claim exist.

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